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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, TC

SUBJECT: MEETING DELIVERY DATES ON LOAD BEARING EQUIPMENT  
AND FIRST 5000 M-16 A1 RIFLES

REFS: (A) STATE 213799 (B) ABU DHABI 2323 (C) ABU DHABI 2229

1. IN AN EFFORT TO MOVE FORWARD ON FINAL ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR SIGNATURE OF LOA FOR LOAD BEARING EQUIPMENT AND USG  
INSPECTION OF M-16 A1 RIFLES WHICH UAE ORDERING DIRECTLY  
FROM COLT, DEPT OFFS CALLED ON UAE AMBASSADOR GHOBASH.

2. DEPT OFFS BRIEFED GHOBASH ON MECHANICS OF ARRANGEMENT  
FOR SIGNATURE OF LOA AND PAYMENT FOR EQUIPMENT (REFTELS A  
AND B), STRESSING THIS ARRANGEMENT NOW ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY  
IF WE ARE TO HAVE ANY HOPE OF MEETING UAEG'S OWN REQUIRE-  
MENTS ON DELIVERY OF LOAD BEARING EQUIPMENT. CONTRARY TO  
REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL B, GHOBASH HAD NOT RPT NOT YET BEEN  
AUTHORIZED BY UAEG TO SIGN LOA FOR LOAD BEARING EQUIPMENT.  
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GHOBASH SAID HE WOULD TELEX TO ABU DHABI TO SEEK AUTHORI-

ZATION TO SIGN LOA.

3. DEPT OFFS ALSO BRIEFED GHOBASH ON STATE OF PLAY OF  
ARRANGING FOR INSPECTION M-16 A1 RIFLES, UAEG PURCHASING  
DIRECTLY FROM COLT. IT WAS NECESSARY, ONCE AGAIN, TO STRESS

THAT, IF SHIPMENT OF FIRST 5000 WEAPONS IS NOT TO BE  
DELAYED, UAEG MUST (A) DECIDE FORMALLY AND OFFICIALLY IT  
WANTS THE WEAPONS INSPECTED, (B) AUTHORIZE GHOBASH TO  
REQUEST SUCH INSPECTION ON A FORM DEPARTMENT WILL PROVIDE,  
AND (C) DECIDE HOW IT WANTS TO PAY BILL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY SHOULD EXPLAIN TO UAEG  
AUTHORITIES THAT UNLESS GHOBASH IS AUTHORIZED TO SIGN LOA  
FOR LOAD BEARING EQUIPMENT, WE WILL WASTE FOUR WEEKS IN  
TRANSMISSION TO AND FROM ABU DHABI AND THE U.S. WE ALSO  
NEED A DECISION ON QUESTION OF INSPECTION OF M-16 A-1  
RIFLES. THE BALL IS CLEARLY IN UAE'S COURT. IF WE ARE  
TO MEET DELIVERY DATES UAEG HAS TOLD US ARE IMPORTANT, WE  
NEED DECISIONS ASAP.  
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